

Friends of Hillside Gardens

MEETING

10th Sept 2018

Present:

Tom Stanbury – Vice-Chair

Nigel Duckers - Secretary

June Hyde

Gerry McAteer – Palace Road Nature Gardens

Rosena Skeete

Martin Wright

Lisa Wright

Cllr Liz Atkins

Martin Goffe

Andreas Kappes

Hannah Cherry

Cllr Regina Chowdury

Ben Hyde

Kyle Moreland

Stuart Handy

Apologies:

Tony Emerson

Marcus Warry

Dino Skeet

Cllr Iain Simpson

	The meeting began with a guest appearance from Lisa
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	<p>Wright to talk about her book <i>A Most Unladylike Occupation – Lucy Deane, first female factory inspector</i>, published in July. Signed copies are available from Martin and Lisa on martinw@phonecoop.coop</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Orchard, Gardening, Allotment</p> <p>Tom has been in touch with Ian Boulton who will conduct an ecological walk in the park; this is to consider how the ecology and planting can be improved, in the context of Section 106 or other funding. Tom is also hoping to revive the Gardening Group which has been dormant since Mitch moved.</p> <p>Martin reported on the Allotment Group. Tree surgery is required on over-hanging trees and he is liaising with Ian Boulton to organise this. Kyle suggested that, longer-term, removal might be a good idea, so that the number of plots can be extended and the regular maintenance be avoided. The trees by the railway line are not of any note but Hannah mentioned to check with the tree survey for the park. Martin suggested that if we remove some trees, 'trees of character' might be planted elsewhere.</p> <p>The water supply is now running again but Lambeth have to check on its quality before use in the toilet block. Martin has liaised with Clarence about getting the toilets reopened when possible.</p> <p>Gerry mentioned the unused area fenced in above the allotments and that he is drawing up a plan for replanting that area, with hoped for funding from the Western Riverside Trust. There was firm approval of his efforts.</p>

	<p>Kyle raised the fact that the bees in the two beehives were lost in the Spring. He is meeting a local beekeeper with a view to restoring a colony. He thought that the cost of doing so for two hives (with equipment) might be in the order of £800. We agreed more research was needed before a decision.</p>
3	<p>Finance</p> <p>Hannah Nunn (Treasurer) had sent a report report that our current account stands at £3265.45. She will provide a report and accounts for the AGM. Gerry asked for a temporary loan for a 3-month period to pay for Community Payback toilet and other facilities. This was agreed.</p> <p>There was some discussion about whether we needed a pressure washer (eg for tennis courts). It was thought not; there are complications with use, water supply, and dilution of Lambeth's responsibilities.</p>
4	<p>Tennis</p> <p>Rosena reported on tennis activity. Summer tennis camps went well with over 40 children in one class; some young people are doing a Tennis Leaders course; some children are very talented and doing well. The Autumn programme is about to start. Rosena stressed the need for lights longer term and that she and Dino may use temporary lights shorter term. She is aware of planning. issues.</p>
5	<p>Football</p> <p>Tony reported on football. Furzedown United – a club on Streatham Common – ran 4 x 2 hours Saturday coaching sessions. 44 youngsters attended over the 4 weeks. The coaches – Maurice and Don – were excellent and this is a partnership we hope to carry forward. Tom made an</p>

	appeal for any women who would like to get involved in football coaching.
6	<p>PRNG</p> <p>Gerry briefed us on the recent acquisition of tools – shared between the two parks - and Stuart offered training in their use. The next phase of improvements to PRNG starts in October, with a planned launch in the new performance space next June (with a theatre company).</p>
7	<p>Communication</p> <p>Andreas had met with Duncan and 'we have our website back' ie operational again and on Wordpress. He invited feedback and consulted on whether he should post etc. The feeling was that he should indeed 'just do it'. He appealed for photos – Rosena offered some with clearances for children photographed – and there was mention of the photos taken at the sports day; Gerry will provide that contact to Andreas. Both Ben and Rosena offered their expertise to help with social media. Andreas is planning on setting up a new email address for the Friends. He will meet with Ben and Rosena.</p> <p>Martin Mentioned that we should promote on the Next Door and 'Alphabet Street' websites, which are ideal for local communication.</p>
8	<p>Section 106</p> <p>Tom reported on the 21st August meeting with Paul Bassi, Lambeth's nomination to coordinate the S106 projects. Also present were: Nigel, Marcus, Gerry, Dino, Ian Simson, Kevin Crouch. Overall there is £494k of capital to spend, with £104k allocated to ongoing expenditure (most, but not all, to Hillside). Some of the capital is</p>

	<p>allocated to children and young people's activities. The next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the setting up of a steering committee, of Friends and local stakeholders (eg schools etc) • the costing of a previously identified 'shopping list' of projects • consulting on what people would like to see happen <p>There was some discussion on how open consultation should be: Tom favoured broad, Liz and Nigel 'on the shopping list', Hannah that there should be the possibility of new ideas coming forward.</p> <p>Nigel mentioned that Lambeth had already committed to resurfacing of the tennis courts. Tony had put forward the 'Foster Plan' for moving the football to the uppermost/furthest tennis court (Court 4) which is broader than the others, and that this upper part of the park (Courts 3 and 4) could be where the two artificial surfaces are (with tennis concentrated on the right-hand side looking down the park). There was some discussion whether the artificial surfaces should be 4G – most suitable for football – or multi-purpose; however, that was 'parked' for later consideration. Rosena mentioned match funding – which we should pursue – and Hannah offered some pro bono consultation in order to visualise the potential changes. The sub-committee assisting Paul should be up-and-running this Autumn.</p>
9	<p>DONM</p> <p>The DONM is 12th November at 7.30; and this will be the AGM.</p>